

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1639 - HB 2385

June 4, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes an \$800 cash supplement for unpaid volunteer firefighters of a fire department recognized by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) when such individuals complete annual in-service training.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$7,496,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (018162):** Changes the effective date from July 1, 2020, to October 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202, salaried, or career, firefighters currently receive an \$800 salary supplement for completion of 40 hours of annual in-service training.
- The proposed legislation extends the eligibility of the supplement to unpaid volunteer firefighters of a fire department registered and recognized by the SFMO.
- Based on a 2020 roster of registered fire departments provided by the SMFO, there are approximately 11,714 volunteer firefighters that would be eligible for the cash supplement.
- It is assumed 80 percent or 9,371 (11,714 x 80.0%) of the volunteer firefighters will complete the annual in-service training.
- It is assumed that the number of volunteer firefighters in aggregate will remain constant over time.

- A recurring increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY20-21, is estimated to be \$7,496,800 (9,371 x \$800).
- An effective date of October 1, 2020 would not reduce the number of volunteer firefighters eligible for the training supplement in FY20-21.

## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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